

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On March 17, 2009, United States District Court Judge Richard G. Kopf sentenced Zachary Noble to a 360 month prison term following Noble's plea to producing child pornography. In addition to the prison term, Noble was sentenced to a life term of supervised release and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment. Noble pleaded guilty to producing digital pictures of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct with Noble and Tabatha Adams on October 21, 2007, in Falls City, Nebraska. Adams was previously sentenced to a 360 month prison term related to this activity. Noble's prison term is to run concurrently to a state sentence imposed in the District Court of Richardson County.

Name of Defendant: Zachary Noble

AKA:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Production of Child Pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251. The maximum penalty is not less than 15 years nor more than 30 in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, at least 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Falls City, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Falls City, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Tabatha Adams

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: October 21, 2007

Federal Arrest Date: April 15, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 21, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: April 15, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): February 11, 2008

Sentencing Date: March 17, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: April 15, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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